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S. 48

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of pharmacists in National Health Services Corps programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 25 (legislative day, JANUARY 5), 2011

Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. REED, and Mr. BEGICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pharmacist Student
5 Loan Repayment Eligibility Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS; PARTICIPA-**
2 **TION OF PHARMACISTS IN LOAN REPAYMENT**
3 **PROGRAM.**

4 (a) NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS.—Section
5 331(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
6 254d(b)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “nursing and
8 other schools of the health professions,” and insert-
9 ing “nursing, pharmacy, and other schools of the
10 health professions,”; and

11 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “and physi-
12 cian assistants who have an interest and a commit-
13 ment to providing primary health care,” and insert-
14 ing “physician assistants, and pharmacists who have
15 an interest and commitment to providing primary
16 health care,”.

17 (b) NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS LOAN RE-
18 PAYMENT PROGRAM.—Section 338B of the Public Health
19 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254l–1) is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “and physi-
21 cian assistants” and inserting “physician assistants,
22 and pharmacists”; and

23 (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

24 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “den-
25 tistry, or another health profession,” and in-

1 serting “dentistry, pharmacy, or another health
2 profession,”; and

3 (B) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by striking
4 “dentistry, or other health profession” and in-
5 serting “dentistry, pharmacy, or other health
6 profession”.

7 (c) CORPS PERSONNEL.—Section 333(e) of the Pub-
8 lic Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254f(e)) is amended by
9 striking “dentistry, or any other health profession” and
10 inserting “dentistry, pharmacy, or any other health pro-
11 fession”.

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